

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Procedure	
Reporting Patient Criminal Activity to Law Enforcement	
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- I.** Immediately following an allegation of significant criminal activity by a patient, an informal assessment shall be made by the attending physician as to the likelihood of the patient's current competence and sanity at the time of the alleged assault.
- II.** If deemed appropriate to report to law enforcement, the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) Chief Executive Officer or designee will report the incident to the Morristown Police Department.
- III.** The following information shall be given at the time of the reporting to the State Police:
 - A.** Name of victim and contact information
 - B.** Picture of victim after the assault (if available)
 - C.** Name of patient and contact information
 - D.** Nature of incident
- IV.** The following information will be obtained as soon as possible:
 - A.** List of witnesses and contact information
 - B.** Signed witness statements
 - C.** Medical records of victim relating to the crime being reported, or victim's signed authorization to release the relevant records
- V.** The nursing supervisor or designee shall ensure that the incident is documented on a Patient Event form as indicated in the *Event Reporting Procedure*.

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